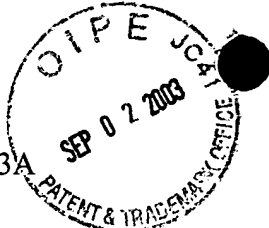


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STATUS LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Our file for the subject application reveals that there has been no action in this application since we filed a Response to Office Action and Election of Species, i.e., June 19, 2002.

Request for Change in PTO Address Records

Enclosed is a further copy of our Power of Attorney document, originally filed on November 19, 2001 and resubmitted on June 19, 2002 along with a response to a Restriction Requirement. The PTO received both of the submissions and on January 16, 2002 the PTO sent Applicants a Notice Regarding Power of Attorney that correctly reflects Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear as the attorneys of record.

Nevertheless, a recent telephone call to the Customer Service Department of the Patent and Trademark Office revealed that the PTO records continue to reflect Hunton & Williams, the former attorneys, as having the current address of record. Please correct the PTO records for the above-referenced case to reflect Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear at the following address, as the attorneys of record:

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Request for Withdrawal of any Abandonment

Furthermore, it may be that Office Actions have been sent incorrectly to Hunton & Williams and not received. If this is the case, Applicants respectfully request that the present paper be considered a "Request for Withdrawal of Abandonment," since any abandonment would have been due solely to PTO error.

Adjustment of Patent Term

Please also note that the incorrect records have created a considerable delay in the prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requests that these delays be reflected in an adjustment to the Patent Term for the present case upon allowance.

Please inform us as to the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: August 28, 2003

By: Adeel S. Akhtar  
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This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 01/08/2002.

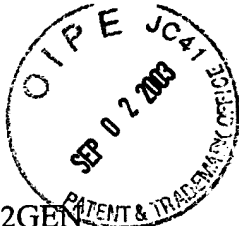
The Power of Attorney in this application is accepted. Correspondence in this application will be mailed to the above address as provided by 37 CFR 1.33.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION  
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Dear Sir:

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee below (the "Assignee"). A true copy of an Assignment of the above-captioned application from the previous assignee Envera LLC to the Assignee is attached hereto, which references the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventor(s) to the Assignee. In addition, the following documents have been attached to provide proof of the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventor(s) to the Assignee:

1. A true copy of the Assignment, dated as of January 28 2000 from Giesler, Moore and Chule to Ethyl Corporation.
2. A true copy of the Assignment, dated as of July 20, 2000 from Ethyl Corporation to Envera LLC (recorded at Reel 011358, Frame 0122).

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I declare that all statements made herein are true, and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, or any patent issuing thereon.

The undersigned hereby revokes any previous powers of attorney in the subject application, and hereby appoints the registrants of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, 620 Newport Center Drive, Sixteenth Floor, Newport Beach, California 92660, Telephone (949) 760-0404, Customer No. 20,995, as its attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. This appointment is to be to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and his attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

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Dated:

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ChemConnect, Inc.

By:

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### ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Envera LLC, a State of Virginia limited liability corporation having offices at 200 South Third Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 (hereinafter "ASSIGNOR"), represents and warrants that it is the sole owner -- through a chain of title first from inventors Giesler, Moore and Chule to Ethyl Corporation by an assignment dated January 28, 2000, and then through an assignment dated July 20, 2000 from Ethyl Corporation to Envera LLC, which was recorded at Reel 011358, Frame 0122 -- of the entire right, title, and interest to certain new and useful improvements for which ASSIGNOR has filed the following United States applications for Letters Patents in the United States (hereinafter "the Patent Applications"):

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
09/493,794	January 28, 2000	BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS ELECTRONIC COMMERCE CLEARINGHOUSE

WHEREAS, ChemConnect, Inc., a Delaware corporation having offices at 44 Montgomery Street, Suite 250, San Francisco, California 94104 (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") desires to purchase the entire right, title, and interest in and to the inventions disclosed in the Patent Applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, in return for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby further acknowledges that it has sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, and transfer, unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to, and under the said improvements, and the said Patent Applications and all Patents that may be granted thereon, and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, continuations, reissues, reexaminations, renewals, and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent that may hereafter be filed for said improvements or for the said Patent Applications in any country or countries foreign to the United States; and ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements and all Letters Patents resulting from the Patent Applications to ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

ASSIGNOR does hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey to ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns all claims for damages and all remedies arising out of any violation of the rights assigned hereby that may have accrued prior to the date of assignment to ASSIGNEE, or may accrue hereafter, including, but not limited to, the right to sue for, collect, and retain damages for past infringements of the said issued Letters Patent;

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants and agrees that it will communicate to ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns any facts known to ASSIGNOR respecting the Patent Applications immediately upon becoming aware of those facts, and that it will testify in any legal proceeding involving any of the Patent Applications, will sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and will generally do everything possible to aid ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns to obtain and enforce

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the Patent Applications in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 5 day of February, 2002

Envera LLC

By: [Signature]

Name Printed: John K. Robinson

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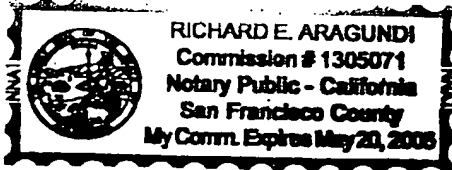
John Robinson On February 5, 2002, before me, Richard E. Aragundi, personally appeared John Robinson of Envera LLC personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacity(ies), and that by their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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Serial No. 097493794 Filed: 1-28-00 Case No. EP7521

We, RICHARD J. CHVALA, a citizen of the United States of America, residing, at 2230 Castlebridge Road, Midlothian, Virginia 23113-4009; MASON A. MOORE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 12205 Ivyglen Court, Richmond, Virginia 23233; and MICHAEL F. GIESLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at 913 Castle Hollow Road, Midlothian, Virginia 23113; respectively; have made at least one invention, improvement or discovery described in patent application papers having the above designated case number, entitled

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and for which improvement or discovery we have filed application for Letters Patent of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, we hereby transfer, set over and assign to ETHYL CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and having a place of business at Richmond, Virginia, and its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said application for Letters Patent and all inventions, improvements and discoveries, whether joint or sole, disclosed therein, and the resultant patent or patents thereon and any renewals, reissues, extensions, substitutions, continuations, or divisions thereof, including all priority rights arising in other countries from said application and all foreign rights in and to said inventions, improvements and discoveries.

We further agree to execute such further papers, and perform such other proper acts as said Corporation may deem necessary to secure to said Corporation the rights herein conveyed; and we hereby authorize the insertion into this Assignment of the serial number and filing date of said application.

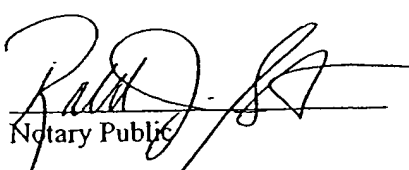
Inventor

  
RICHARD J. CHVALA

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA }  
CITY OF RICHMOND }

On this 22 day of March, 2000, personally appeared before me, Richard J. Chvala, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument in my presence, and who acknowledged that he executed the same of his own free will for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.

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Inventor Mason A. Moore  
MASON A. MOORE

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On this 22 day of March, 2000, personally appeared before me, Mason A. Moore, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument in my presence, and who acknowledged that he executed the same of his own free will for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.

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Inventor [Signature]  
MICHAEL F. GIESLER

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA }  
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On this 22 day of March, 2000, personally appeared before me, Michael F. Giesler, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument in my presence, and who acknowledged that he executed the same of his own free will for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.

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THIS ASSIGNMENT made the 20th day of July, 2000

BETWEEN ETHYL CORPORATION, a Corporation organized and existing under the Laws of Virginia, United States of America, and having a place of business at 330 South Fourth Street, Richmond, VA 23219-4304, United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignor") of the first part

AND

ENVERA LLC, a limited liability corporation organized and existing under the Laws of Virginia, United States of America, and having a place of business at Richmond, VA (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignee") of the second part,

WHEREAS the Assignor is the owner of the Intellectual Property Rights listed on Schedule 1.15 attached hereto,

WHEREAS the Assignor has agreed with the Assignee to assign to the Assignee its right, title, and interest in and to the aforesaid Intellectual Property Rights and any Divisionals and Extensions granted thereon,

NOW THEREFORE, THIS ASSIGNMENT WITNESSES

In consideration of the sum of Ten U.S. Dollars (\$10.00) the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by the Assignor, the Assignor does hereby assign to the Assignee its right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid Intellectual Property Rights and Divisionals and Extensions granted thereon.

The Assignor does hereby covenant that it will do or there will be done in cooperation with the best of its ability with the Assignee all things that are necessary including the execution of any documents required in connection with the aforesaid Intellectual Property Rights.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF Assignor and Assignee have hereunto set their respective hands the day and year first written above.

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For and on behalf of ETHYL CORPORATION

By: 

Full Name: Russell Lee Gottwald JR

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For and on behalf of ENVERA LLC

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